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HIGH OFFICIALS ATTENDING AND AWARDS GIVEN AT BULGARIAN CELEBRATIONS

[Comment: The following report lists the officials who attended recent Bulgarian celebrations and the recipients of awards given on the occasions.

It is interesting to note that Georgi Damyanov, president of the Presidium of the Bulgarian People's Assembly, neither appeared in the group photographs in Otechestven Front of 10 September 1952 nor was mentioned by this newspaper as being present at the "9 September" celebration. It also may be of interest that Minister of Interior Georgi Tsankov is referred to as Lieutenant General in the 14 September 1952 Otechestven Front article which describes the Eighth Anniversary of the Ministry of Interior, and that he appeared in a military uniform in the photographs in Otechestven Front of 10 and 14 September 1952. (He did not appear in uniform in group photographs published in Sofia newspapers on 10 September 1951.)

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources. 7

A group photograph shows the following officials who attended the "9 September" Liberation celebration in Sofia (from left to right): Georgi Tsankov, Col Gen Ivan Mikhaylov, Col Gen Petur Panchevski, Yi Son-un, leader of the Korean government delegation; Anton Yugov, Soviet Ambassador M. F. Bodrov, M. P. Tarasov, leader of the Soviet government delegation; Colonel General Grechko, member of the Soviet government delegation; militiaman Dyado Krustyu Popov, who participated in the Russo-Turkish War; Donka Panayotova and Lilyana Dimitrova, heroes of socialist labor; Vulko Chervenkov, Rayko Damyanov, Ambassador Ts'ao Hsiang-jen of the Chinese People's Republic, Georgi Chankov, Todor Zhivkov, Dimitur Ganev, Georgi Traykov, Mincho Neychev, and Dimitur Dimov.

The following additional persons were mentioned as being present at the celebration: Vics-Premier Karlo Lukanov and heroes of socialist labor Todor Stoichkov, Ferdo Stoimenov, and Aleksandur Mitrev. (1) [Stoichkov and Mitrev, although not government officials, were also present at the May Day celebration. (6)]

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Major General Dikov, chief of the Sofia Garrison, ordered Colonel Petkov, the commander of Sofia, to see that the various units reported for the 9 September parade. He put Colonel Tsonkov in charge of the artillery salutes.(2)

A group photograph shows the following officials who attended the celebration in Sofia of the eighth anniversary of the Ministry of Interior: (from left to right) Todor Zhivkov; Rayko Damyanov; Vulko Chervenkov; Lt Gen Georgi Tsankov, Minister of Interior; Dimitur Ganev, candidate-member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party [recently replaced by Zhivko Zhivkov as Minister of Foreign Trade (1952)]; Maj Gen Georgi Kumbiliev, Assistant Minister of Interior; Gen Gen Ivan Mikhaylov; Georgi Chankov; Maj Gen Stoyan Gyurov; Anton Yugov; Col Gen Petur Panchevski; Karlo Lukanov; and Maj Gen Yonko Panov. Vecherni Novini of 15 September 1952 states that Ivan Raykov was also present.

In honor of the occasion the following awards were made:

The Order of 9 Septemvri II Stepen (9 September, second class) was awarded to Col Nikola Angelov Iliev and Col Petko Stoyanov Stoyanov.

The Order of 9 Septemvri II stepen s mechove (with crossed swords) was awarded to Lt Col Merin Stoyanov Marinov.

The Order of Cherveno zname (Red Banner) was awarded to Maj Petur Dimitrov Yanchev, Sr Lt Anton Andreev Meykov, Maj Stoycho Georgiev Totlyakov, Sr Lt Ivan Nikolov Albanski, Sr Lt Dimitur Kolev Dimitrov, Lt Vasil Vasilev Stoykov, Jr Lt Botsi Dakov Petkov, Capt Nikola Angelov Gyulev, Maj Georgi Yanev Ivanov, Capt Yordan Khristov Yordanov, Sr Lt Dragan Kolev Angelov, Capt Stoyan Nikolov Georgiev, Lt Atanas Atanasov Peshev, Capt Georgi Pavlov Simeonov Jr Sgt Ivan Peev Nikolov, Tsanko Vladimirov Lazarov, and Capt Ivan Radev Milev.

The Order of Cherveno zname na Truda (Red Banner of Labor) was awarded to Yordan Tsvetkov Milev.

The order of Za khrabrost III stepen (For Bravery, third class) was awarded to Lt Geto Lulchev Todorov, Jr Sgt Yovcho Dimitrov Yovchev, Jr Sgt Bonyu Ivanov Bonev, Pvt Marin Khristov Vulkov, and Pvt Yordan Panayotov Georgiev.

The Za boeva zaslug (For Combat Merit) Medal was presented to Capt Mircho Nikolov Buñarski, Jr Lt Georgi Nikolov Spiridonov, Sr Sgt Khristo Rusinov Nikolov, Sgt Boris Georgiev Ivanov, Jr Sgt Ivan Tsanov Ivanov, Pfc Milan Babinov Kazakov, Pvt Bocho Velev Monev, Pvt Dimitur Aleksiev Ivanov, Ivan Apostolov Todorov, Lt Angel Ivanov Angelov, Lt Dimitur Angelov Ivanov, Lt Stoyan Ivanov Vasilev, Sgt Maj Minko Zhelyazkov Georgiev, Pfc Kostadin Georgiev Kostov, Pfc Dimitur Ivanov Simeonov, Pfc Dimo Vasilev Datsev, Pfc Georgi Ivanov Babanov, Pfc Lyuben Vurbanov Naydenov, Pvt Tavetan Naydenov Petkov, Pvt Atanas Georgiev Atanasov, Pvt Svilen Stamenov Tsankov, Pvt Ali Mekhmedov Kharazov, Pvt Ivan Kirilov Ivanov, Pvt Slavcho Mironov Inchev, Pvt Stefan Krustev Zlatarev, Pvt Kiril Kirilov Mirchev, Pvt Steyko Dilkov Stoev, Pvt Ignat Kirilov Kazakov, Jr Sgt Ivan Khristov Todorov, Pvt Angel Tanov Angelov, Pvt Vasil Penchev Vurbanov, Pvt Damyan Iliev Rusev, Jr Sgt Vasil Dimitrov Perchemliev, Georgi Vasilev Georgiev, Lt Boris Angelov Gruev, and Jr Sgt Aleksii Marinov Aleksiev.(4)

A group photograph shows the following officials who attended the 16 September 1952 meeting in Sofia on the occasion of Bulgarian-Soviet friendship month: (from left to right) Georgi Tsankov; Petr N. Fedoseyev, corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR; Todor Zhivkov, Mincho Neychev; Pavel N. Sergeyev, soviet agronomist; Vulko Chervenkov, Lidya G. Korabel'nikova; Klavdya P. Karal'ova;

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Konstantin I. Skryabin, head of the Soviet delegation; Soviet Ambassador Mikhail F. Bodrov; Georgi Chankov; Ivan I. Erid'ko, section chief in a Soviet mine; Nikolay N. Kryukov, head of the Soviet art delegation; Rayko Damyanov; V. Penov, representative of the VOKE in Bulgaria (Vsesoyuzna Organizatsiya za Kulturni Vruzki s Chuzh-bina, All-Union Organization for Cultural Ties With Foreign Countries); Dimitur Ganev; and Karlo Lukanov.

Also present and mentioned in the text were Encho Staykov and Ivan Raykov, both secretaries of the TsK na BKP (Tsentralen Komitet na Bulgarskata Komunisticheska Partiya, Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party); Mikhail Manev, the first secretary of the TsS na SBS (Tsentralen Suvet na Suyuz na Bulgaro-Suvetskite Druzhestva, Central Council of the Bulgarian-Soviet / Friendship / Societies); and Misho Nikolov, the chairman of the Sofiyski Gradski Suvet (Sofia city council) of the SBS, who made a short speech.(5)

The following were present at another celebration of the Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Month held in Sofia 26 September by the Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Society at the Ministry of PTT (Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones): Tsola Dragoycheva, Minister of PTT; Kosta Ganev; Assistant Minister of PTT; General Peychev; as well as Dimitrov Prize Winners Vl. Kharizanov and Engineer Rashev.(3)

On 26 September Grudi Atanasov, chairman of the Main Labor Reserves Administration, which is attached to the Council of Ministers, made a speech on the new school year at a conference of directors of industrial schools and labor reserves schools in Sofia.(3)

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